

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 25-29, with the following amended paragraph:

Applicants have identified a cDNA clone that encodes a polypeptide, designated in the present application as "BAFF-R" or as "BCMA", that binds the tumor necrosis factor, BAFF (SEQ ID NO:9), a B-cell activating factor belonging to the Tumor Necrosis Factor ("TNF") family. BAFF is the same molecule previously described in WO/9912964, which is incorporated by reference herein.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SEQUENCE LISTING**

Please replace the original Sequence Listing with the attached Substitute  
Sequence Listing.